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SUBJECT: KAGNEW STATION - TRACT E - OCCUPANCY BY ETHIOPIANS

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1. AT BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER, WITHOUT INFORMING CONGEN OR EMBASSY, 2ND DIV BEGAN TRANSFER ITS HEADQUARTERS INTO THAT PORTION OF TRACT E TO BE RETURNED TO ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT, AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OPENED, AND BEGAN HOLDING CLASSES IN, FORMER DEPENDENT SCHOOL LOCATED SAME PORTION TRACT E. WHEN I REMONSTRATED WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, I WAS INFORMED THAT THEY COULD DO NOTHING. I INFORMED EMBASSY, WHICH MADE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS IN ADDIS ABABA, TO NO AVAIL. AUTHORITY TO SIGN TRANSFER DOCUMENT AND NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE STILL NOT FORTHCOMING ON ETHIOPIAN SIDE AS OF THIS WRITING. SHORTLY BEFORE AMAN'S DEATH, CHARGE IN ADDIS ABABA HAD BEEN INFORMED BY AMAN'S ADVISER, KIFLE WORKU, THAT LEGAL EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS COMPLETED, AND FINAL AUTHORIZATION BY AMAN FOR SIGNATURE OF DOCUMENTS FORTHCOMING. ON THAT BASIS, KIFLE WORKU REQUESTED THAT UTILITIES SERVICES BE PROVIDED BY KAGNEW STATION TO OCCUPIED PORTIONS OF TRACT E. CHARGE AND I DECIDED THAT, ON BASIS KIFLE WORKU'S ASSURANCES, AND
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WITH LETTER FROM COMMANDING OFFICER 2ND DIV TO ME STATING THAT

PAYMENT WOULD BE MADE FOR UTILITIES SERVICES AS OF DATE TRACT E FIRST OCCUPIED, WE WOULD AGREE TO PROVIDE SERVICES. TO DATE, NO LETTER FORTHCOMING, AND SERVICES NOT AUTHORIZED. POWER LINE FROM KAGNEW TO SEWAGE PUMPS REMAINS ON. LATTER SERVE ENTIRE COMPLEX, INCLUDING PORTIONS RETAINED BY U.S. 2ND DIV TROOPS ON TRACT E COULD JUMP CONNECTIONS AND OBTAIN POWER FOR ALL OF TRACT E.

2. WATER SUPPLY TO HYDRANTS REMAINS ON, AND CANNOT BE SHUT OFF WITHOUT ALSO CUTTING OFF SUPPLY TO ETHIOPIAN NAVY, WHICH LEGALLY ON TRACT A AND PAYING FOR UTILITIES SERVICES.

3. CURRENT POSITION, THUS, IS THAT ETHIOPIAN 2ND DIV AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANCY TRACT E AND SUBSTANTIALLY WITHOUT UTILITIES. CONGEN PREPARED AT ANY TIME TO SIGN REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR LEGAL TURNOVER, BUT NO INDICATION OF WHEN PMG PREPARED TO DO SO. NEGOTIATIONS FOR UTILITIES CONTRACT NOT YET INITIATED, AND NO INDICATION FROM ETHIOPIAN SIDE WHEN IT WILL BE. ASSUME GOVERNMENT DISARRAY IN ADDIS ABABA, RESULTING FROM EXECUTION AMAN, WILL DELAY MATTERS FURTHER, AND IMPASSE WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME. NEVERTHELESS, WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO REFTEL.
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